



Union Township Environmental Commission

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Minutes for May 14, 2013 Regular Meeting

Call to Order: The May 2013 meeting was called to order by Chairman Church at 7:05 PM, with the reading of the “Sunshine Law” announcement.

Roll Call: Present: Don Church, Bill Harclerode, Claudia Rocca, Steve Hurford, Brett Bragin, Jim Eschbach and Kara Cherney (new member) Absent: Alan Ford, Chuck Neary

Also present: Michele McBride

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Jim motioned to accept the April 09, 2013 minutes, with two minor spelling corrections. Claudia seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old Business:

- Transco pipeline – Construction continues. The wetland and riparian zone mitigation for this project has been completed on the property adjacent to the Pittstown post office along County Route 513.
- Proposed archery center – no new information
- Stream Cleanup of Sydney Brook occurred on 4/20/2013 from 9 am until about 11:30. The event attracted approximately 25 volunteers.
- Well test kits were sold on Saturday May 4(Jim) and May 11(Claudia) and township resident dropped off the water samples on Monday May 13 (Don/Claudia). Only 13 water test kits were sold. Don delivered them to the Raritan Headwaters Assoc. office.
- 319 Grant Candidate remediation site update - Don has been in communication with Princeton Hydro. Christina of PH has narrowed the number of potential sites down to 1) Cooks Cross Road, 2) Bank stabilization at the old municipal building and 3) a bio-retention basin at the new municipal building. This will be an approximately \$500,000 proposal.
- Green Team/Sustainable NJ update/recertification – We have 85 points, and we need 150 point to keep our bronze certification level. Bill has been adding information to the Sustainable Jersey website to obtain the needed 65 additional points. Some items were not approved. We have until June 16th to provide the necessary information.

New Business: None

Communication: The UTEC got an email from a resident on Race Street complaining that someone discarded a lot of bottles from a recent party next to the bags of trash that were left alongside of Race Street by the stream cleanup volunteers.

Chair's Report: Don is almost finished with the Rutgers environmental stewardship class. There is one class left to attend. Soon the township's recycling company (DonJon) will no longer be accepting electronic devices.

Township Committee Liaison's Report: No report

Planning Board Liaison's Report: No report

Reports of Subcommittees:

- (Chuck N) Open Space: No report
- (Brett/Don) Trails: Mapping of Milligan Farm trail – Provided a map showing the GPS points that were collected in April. Brett will email the KML file that will show the GPS points/trail in the GoogleEarth program to UTEC members.
- (Kara/Don) Communication: Kara has some ideas for the newsletter, including appealing to a broader audience. Perhaps we can include a “because I care” personal interest column, or a “take a hike” section, or a “my favorite places in Hunterdon County” column? There was discussion about getting some advertising to help offset the cost of publishing the newsletter (e.g., \$25 for a business card sized ad). The need to check the UTEC webpages and to update/revamp them was also discussed.
- (Bill) Road Noise: Bill received a letter dated April 5, 2013 from Assemblyman Peterson that said that the NJ State Police are to enforce the new engine braking law.
- (Brett) Contaminated Sites: nothing new to report

Hearing of Citizens: No citizens present, however there was some discussion on how condominium or apartment dwellers could use some town-owned property to start a community garden.

Adjournment: there being no further business, Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor. The May 14, 2013 UTEC meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2013